

AIDS Cases in Male Adolescents and Young Adults, by Exposure Category, through 1999, United States

Exposure category	13-19 years		20-24 years	
	N	%	N	%
Men who have sex with men	749	34	11,570	62
Injection drug use	137	6	2,277	12
Men who have sex with men and inject drugs	113	5	1,946	10
Hemophilia	751	34	646	3
Heterosexual contact	89	4	885	5
Transfusion recipient	91	4	107	1
Other/undetermined*	271	12	1,280	7
Total	2,201	100	18,711	100

* Includes patients whose medical record review is pending; patients who died, were lost to follow-up or declined interview; and patients with other or undetermined modes of exposure

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Since the beginning of the epidemic, over 2,000 adolescent men and over 18,000 men 20-24 years of age have been reported with AIDS. Thirty-four percent of the adolescents acquired their infection because of hemophilia prior to the advent of heat treatment of blood products to prevent HIV transmission, in contrast to 3% of the older group. A majority of the older men, 62%, report sex with other men and another 10% were men who have sex with men and inject drugs. Injection drug use is more common among the 20-24 year old men reported with AIDS compared with adolescents, but less common than among men over 24 years. Approximately 4% of men, regardless of age at diagnosis, reported heterosexual contact as their exposure category.